

WEATHER & CROPS

Week of: May 30 - June 5, 2005

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CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 5, 2005

The week of May 30 – June 5, 2005 began cool and dry, but ended wet, hot, and humid. The Commonwealth had to deal with some late week thundershowers which hampered planting and harvesting of many crops in some areas of the state. Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.3. Many farmers throughout the state are still in the process of cutting their first harvest of hay. Some have reported that the rain showers have reduced the quality of the hay that is being harvested. It is reported that the warmer weather is actually helping corn to grow. Full season soybean planting is continuing throughout the state and Virginia's tobacco crop is looking good. Many producers across the state are also beginning to harvest barley. Other farming activities for the week includes planting vegetables, sheep shearing, fence building, equipment repairs, sidedressing corn, scouting small grains for insects and diseases, and getting reports to FSA.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
May 8, 2005	1	22	69	8
May 15, 2005	4	32	59	5
May 22, 2005	3	22	69	6
May 29, 2005	2	17	73	8
June 5, 2005	1	13	75	11

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	1	6	26	52	15
Livestock	0	1	11	72	16
Hay, (other)	0	8	36	44	12
Hay, (alfalfa)	0	4	33	49	14
Corn	0	4	28	52	16
Soybeans	0	2	30	60	8
Winter Wheat	2	8	24	55	11
Barley	2	5	26	52	15
Tobacco, Flue-Cured	0	0	23	64	13
Tobacco, Burley	0	0	3	92	5
Tobacco, Dark Fire-Cured	0	0	19	79	2
Peanuts	0	0	11	88	1
Cotton	0	6	32	62	0
Summer Potatoes	0	5	20	50	25
Apples, (all)	0	0	32	68	0
Peaches	0	2	30	65	3
Grapes	0	0	14	80	6

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Corn Emerged	90	80	94	73
Soybeans Planted	50	42	52	42
Soybeans Emerged	38	27	40	19
Winter Wheat Harvested	2	1	3	4
Barley Harvested	13	8	33	17
Tobacco, Burley Transplanted	66	32	69	75
Tobacco, Dark Fire-Cured Transplanted	90	75	97	86
Peanuts Planted	92	85	99	97
Cotton Planted	100	94	100	100

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WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	79	46	63	-6	0.25	-0.52	3
The Plains	78	45	62	-6	0.43	-0.45	3
Winchester 7 SE	79	45	61	-6	0.21	-0.67	3
Dale Enterprise	83	42	61	-6	0.29	-0.43	3
WESTERN							
Glasgow	82	49	65	-4	1.2	0.43	4
Roanoke AP	81	53	66	-3	0.88	0.07	4
Waynesboro	79	45	63	-4	1.04	0.33	4
Staunton AG	77	46	61	-5	0.50	-0.21	5
CENTRAL							
Somerset	80	48	64	-6	0.79	-0.09	4
Piedmont Res ST	79	52	65	-4	0.76	-0.12	3
Bremo Bluff	85	44	65	-5	1.05	0.14	2
Richmond AP	81	54	67	-4	1.09	0.25	4
EASTERN							
Eastville	78	55	66	-5	2.77	2.02	5
Wallops Island	77	52	64	-6	2.02	1.32	3
Williamsburg	86	51	67	-5	1.24	0.24	3
Keysville	85	51	67	-2	1.37	0.46	3
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	78	46	61	-4	0.27	-0.57	3
Wytheville	78	45	61	-4	1.00	0.24	2
Saltville	80	47	63	-3	1.05	0.10	3
Richlands	79	44	63	3	1.88	0.92	3
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	79	53	64	-4	1.37	0.38	4
Danville AG	84	51	66	-6	1.15	0.31	3
Chatham	78	51	64	-5	0.97	0.12	3
Martinsville	81	48	63	-6	0.96	0.06	3
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	78	56	66	-6	1.41	0.57	3
Oceana	79	52	66	-6	2.76	1.88	3
Emporia	81	54	66	-4	1.10	0.18	3
Newport News	83	54	69	-3	1.67	0.83	4

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.